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Susan Murray named Woman of the Year

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## Concrete canoe, steel bridge regional competitions at UMR

Chip Kastner  
News Writer

The student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers at the University of Missouri-Rolla will be hosting the ASCE's regional conference and student competitions from Thursday, April 27 to Saturday, April 29. The two student competitions are the steel bridge building competition and the concrete canoe race.

The events start at 9 a.m. on Thursday in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building with an inspection of the steel bridges, which must conform to rigid constraints on length, width and height. Soon after the conclusion of the inspections at around 10 a.m., the competitions will begin.

"I think we stand a good chance at the competition this year," Mike Holesapple, the student in charge of the steel bridge competition this year, said. "We have a good design and, also, good fabrication; something that has been difficult for us in past years."

The bridges, which must be 22 feet in length with a 14 foot span, will be tested on several criteria: the time it takes to put the bridge together, its weight, cost, the amount by which it deflects when a 2000 pound load is placed in the center along with a 500 pound load on one end, the capacity-to-weight ratio and the aesthetic appeal. The testing of the bridges will take up the majority of Thursday afternoon.

The UMR team will be competing against 11 other schools in the region. In the 1999 competition, UMR came in first in the region and went to the national competition in Anchorage, Alaska, and finished 11th out of 40 teams.

Throughout the 1990s, UMR performed quite well in the competitions at both the regional and national levels.

At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, the concrete canoes from 13 schools including UMR will be put on display for judging in the Gale Bullman Multi-Purpose Building. This event will last until 10 a.m. From 2:30 to 6 p.m., the teams will give oral presentations about their canoes in the Miles Auditorium in the Mechanical Engineering building.

The actual concrete canoe race will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at Little Prairie Lake Conservation Area, which is located 1 mile east of Highway V on the North Outer Road of I-44, about five miles east of Rolla.

"The key to this competition is coming up with a lightweight but strong mix of concrete," Dr. Roger LaBoube, the faculty supervisor of the student competitions, said. The teams at the concrete canoe competition will be judged on the displays and written and oral reports presented on Friday, but also the ability to get the canoe across the lake in both distance and sprinting matches.

The winning school in the regional competition will advance to the national competition held in May. Although UMR has not proceeded to the nationals in recent years, the concrete canoe team remains hopeful and enthusiastic about the event.

Besides the competitions, events relevant to the ASCE regional conference will be held. On Friday evening, a business meeting and a social event will be held. On Saturday, a lunch and an evening banquet with an accompanying technical discussion will take place.

## Millennium Arch installation begins



Installation of the Millennium Arch, a sculpture designed by Edwia Sains and created using the UMR developed water jet technology, began last week, after some delays.  
photo by Kristen Defilippo

## Manuel case goes to trial, two misdemeanors charged

Charles Robinson  
News Writer

During Dr. Oliver Manuel's deposition hearing on April 13, a trial date of June 1, 2000 at the Phelps County Courthouse. During this hearing, the attorneys for the State of Missouri and Dr. Oliver Manuel made statements on the case to the Honorable Mary W. Sheffield. Representing the State of Missouri was Phelps County Prosecuting Attorney Kenneth Clayton and representing Manuel was Mr. Dan Birdsong of Thomas, Birdsong, and Becker, PC.

Neither counsel could be reached for comment on the trial.

Manuel is charged with two misdemeanors. The first misde-

meanor is resisting arrest, which is classified as a Class A misdemeanor. The second misdemeanor is willfully opposing and resisting a Missouri State Highway Patrolman. This is an unclassified misdemeanor and is treated as a Class A misdemeanor. If Manuel is found guilty, he can face up to one year in the Phelps County Jail or pay a fine up to one thousand dollars. Considering there are two charges, if the Judge Sheffield orders consecutive sentences, the time or amount is double what the actual sentence would be for a single conviction.

The trial date is set for June 1 at 9 a.m. on the second floor of the Phelps County Courthouse and will be presided over by Sheffield.

## Retention committee makes recommendations

Gretchen Gawer  
Assistant Features Editor

The University of Missouri-Rolla has recently been concerned with increasing the recruitment and retention of its students. Several programs have been developed towards this effort and the Retention committee has recently published a report outlining its recommendations for increasing retention and the graduation rate.

The Retention Committee has outlined five general recommendations to address this problem: create a business degree program, promote alternatives to engineering, enhance teaching and advising, create a sense of community among students, faculty and staff and de-emphasize UMR's ACT scores when recruiting freshman.

The committee hopes that by creating a business degree as an Arts and Sciences program that emphasizes

quantitative rigor, ethics and communications, it could attract and keep students. This especially applies to those students who are attracted by the potential workforce demands for those knowledgeable in both business and technology and that for business majors who can interact well with engineers and scientists. Debra Robinson, Director of the Center for Personal and Professional Development and the Chair of the retention committee said, "We think it [offering a business major] would offer more options for majors for students. If a student decided not to major in engineering, they could major in business, a common major, without having to leave UMR."

Promoting alternatives to pursuing an engineering degree would help keep students at UMR who have decided not to become engineers but are not aware of the opportunities that exist in other majors. Robinson said, "Not that many people seem to be

aware of all the majors. We have a lot of good majors, but students just don't know about them."

Rewarding effective teaching and advising would enhance the quality of education that students receive, thus encouraging them to stay, according to the committee. A new professor orientation would also help as would workshops and lectures for faculty on teaching. Robinson said, "Effective teaching and effective advising would be taken into account for promotions and salaries."

Finally, programs aimed at connecting students to the campus committee may help retention rates. These currently include the Mentor Program, now the Freshman Leadership and Success Program, efforts to increase school spirit such as the block party and all-student tailgate, and the Hit the Ground Running Program, which is new for this year. This

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## NEWSBRIEFS ON CAMPUS

### UMR's James Stoffer to retire Sept. 1

Dr. James O. Stoffer, Curators' Professor of chemistry and director of the Graduate Center for Materials Research at the University of Missouri-Rolla, will retire from UMR effective Sept. 1. He plans to remain active in research within the UMR department of Chemistry after retirement.

Stoffer earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Mount Union College and a Ph.D. in chemistry from Purdue University. He did post-doctorate work at Cornell University, then joined the UMR faculty as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1963. He was named associate professor of chemistry in 1966 and professor of chemistry in 1982. He became director of the UMR's Materials Research Center in 1992 and was awarded the Curators' Professorship in chemistry in 1998.

During his 37 years at UMR, Stoffer has received five Outstanding Teacher Awards and three Faculty Excellence Awards. He has published about 100 technical papers and received five patents in his career. An authority in coating sciences and polymers, Stoffer developed UMR's polymer chemistry program, which was one of the first programs in the United States to be accredited by the American Chemical Society. Most of Stoffer's current research deals with the preparation and properties of coatings and polymers with the theme of making more environmentally friendly coatings.

### Three from UMR awarded NSF Graduate Fellowships

One current University of Mis-

souri-Rolla student and two 1998 UMR graduates are among the 850 students in the United States to be awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship for 2000.

The fellowships are for promising young mathematicians, scientists and engineers who plan to pursue lifelong careers marked by significant contributions to research, teaching and industrial applications in science, mathematics and engineering. Each fellowship provides an annual stipend of \$16,200 for three years.

The current UMR student to be awarded the NSF fellowship is Rachel E. Johns of Whitewater, Wis., a senior in Chemical Engineering, who plans to study bioengineering at the University of Washington. Johns also has been awarded the Whitaker Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Biomedical Engineering, which provides an annual, renewable stipend of \$18,500.

The two UMR graduates who are NSF awardees are: Eric J. Carleton of Loven, Wyo., a 1998 Ceramic Engineering graduate who now studies Materials Engineering at the University of California-Berkeley; Jerry W. Gander of Shelbyville, Mo., a 1999 UMR Civil Engineering graduate, who now studies Environmental Engineering at the University of Iowa.

### MSM-UMR Alumni Association Assists Student Organizations

The MSM-UMR Alumni Association recently presented \$2,500 in grants to five student organizations at the University of Missouri-Rolla. The grants were to help support the student groups' projects.

The alumni association solicits applications from approved student groups for project funding twice each year, in September and February, and awards up to \$2,500 each semester.

The Spring 2000 recipients are as follows: The Formula SAE Team for the annual Formula SAE race car competition; The Chinese Students and Scholars Association for its All-Campus Celebration Barbecue; The Society of Mining Engineers student chapter for its "Mining in My Neighborhood" billboard contest; the Christian Campus Fellowship for its "Feed the 5,000" all-campus picnic; the American Concrete Institute student chapter for its involvement in the annual Egg Protection Device Competition.

Projects funded generally serve a large number of students and meet one or more of the following goals:

1. Advance the mission of the MSM-UMR Alumni Association or UMR.
2. Benefit current students.
3. Provide students with an extra-curricular educational opportunity.
4. Establish or protect traditions of the MSM-UMR Alumni Association or UMR.
5. Heighten the visibility of the MSM-UMR Alumni Association on campus and in the greater community.

### Honorary Professional degrees to be awarded April 13

The University of Missouri-Rolla will award honorary and professional degrees to several alumni during its 127th Annual Commencement Saturday, May 13.

Commencement begins at 2 p.m. at UMR's football field. In case of inclement weather, commencement will be held in the Gale Bullman

Multi-Purpose Building. About 500 degrees will be awarded.

Ted Weise of Memphis, Tenn., retired as president and chief executive officer of FedEx, will be the speaker during commencement. Weise received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from UMR in 1967. He joined FedEx as its 23rd employee in 1972. Now, the company employs 145,000 people worldwide. He became president and chief executive officer of FedEx in 1998. He retired from the company in January. Weise will receive an honorary doctor of engineering degree during commencement.

The professional degree recipients are:

—Michael J. Bradshaw of Campbell, Calif., senior vice president of ZiLOG of San Jose, Calif. He joined the company in 1985 as vice president of worldwide operations. He became senior vice president of ZiLOG in 1989. Earlier, he was vice president of operations planning and control at General Instrument Corp. He also held various positions with Texas Instruments and served as director of worldwide planning at Mostek Corp. He received a bachelor of science degree in Mathematics from UMR in 1971. He received a master's degrees in Business and Science Administration from the University of Virginia.

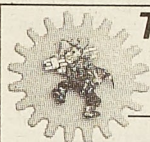
—Edward Fris of Vienna, Va., retired in 1975 as Lt. Gen. in the U.S. Marine Corps. He joined the Marine Corps in 1943. During his service he attended the Naval Training School at Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Naval Post-Graduate School (engineering electronics) in Monterey, Calif. He received a bachelor of science degree in Electrical Engineering from UMR (then known as the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy) in 1943. He was awarded the UMR Alumni Achievement Award in

1971.

—Leslie Group of Lake Oswego, Ore., is technical manager for High Temp Inc. of Portland, Ore. The company is a producer of refractory products for the steel and aluminum making industries. He previously held management positions in research, quality assurance, and manufacturing. His 25 year career has included the development of carbon-graphite crucibles, pressed shapes as well as large 10 ton calcium aluminate castable products. He received bachelor and master of science degrees in Ceramic Engineering from UMR in 1973 and 1975, respectively. He also received a bachelor of science degree from the State University of New York in Buffalo, N.Y. and a master of arts degree in administration from New York University in New York City.

—John Hedrick of St. Louis, is co-founder, president and chief executive officer of Automation and Control Technologies Inc. of St. Louis. The firm is a 12-year old St. Louis-based company that specializes in engineering design and system integration of manufacturing control and information technology. He specializes in technical consulting in the application of plant information and control systems in the batch and continuous process industries. He graduated from UMR in 1969 with a bachelor of science degree in physics. He is a senior member of the Instrument Society of America and the Industrial Computing Society. He has authored a book as well as numerous papers.

—David L. Hopkins of Wardsville, Mo., serves as the operating supervisor for licensed operator training at the AmerenUE Callaway Nuclear Plant of Fulton, Mo., a position he has held since 1988. As an instructor, he specializes in the training of initial NRC licensing candidates in reactor and nuclear physics.



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**UMR Crime Blotter**

**04/17/00:** UMR Police notified that employee from incident investigated on 04-13-00 was counseled after further suspension for unrelated incident that bringing knives to work that do not conform to state statutes for concealed weapons will result in arrest and possibly termination. Situation continues as departmental disciplinary matter.

**04/17/00 at 6:05 p.m.:** UMR Police interview individual who was retrieving aluminum cans from a dumpster in a campus apartment complex parking lot. Nothing further at this time.

**04/18/00:** UMR Police contact student who reported his passport missing on 04-15-00 that it had been recovered. Student made arrangements to retrieve same later in the week.

**04/18/00 at 4:35 p.m.:** UMR Police assist Golf Course Manager and motorist with an accidental damage report where the driver's truck windshield was cracked by an errant golf ball. Same will be referred to Occupational Health and Safety Services Dept. and arrangements will be made for repairs.

**04/18/00 at 11:22 p.m.:** UMR Police investigate an emergency phone call where the line was open and no-one was on the phone. A student was located in the vicinity, but interview revealed same was not involved and did not see anyone activate the phone. Prank calls on emergency phones are criminal acts in Missouri and perpetrators can be prosecuted.

**04/19/00 at 3:50 p.m.:** UMR Police respond to Chemistry in reference to a student who had fainted. PCRCMC Ambulance responded but student refused treatment.

**04/20/00 at 10:05 a.m.:** UMR Police respond to a TJ Residence Hall Parking Lot in reference to a visitor report of property damage to their vehicle. Investigation revealed the back window of the car was shattered during the night. Continuing.

**04/22/00 at 12:05 a.m.:** UMR Police receive information from RPD concerning their arrest of student Sean A. Taylor for Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia. Same was released on summons.

## TJ resident director takes position as Student Services Coordinator

**Charles Robinson**  
News Writer

Tammy Pratt, the two year Resident Director of Thomas Jefferson Residence Hall, will end her position this May 3. As of June 1 Pratt will be taking over the position of Student Services Coordinator in the Student Affairs Office. Last February, Carol Durk left the position to pursue other avenues and at that time Pratt said that she was interested in the position.

Mr. James Murphy, director of Residential Life said, "Tammy has been a valuable member of this department and while I regret her

moving, this is a good professional advancement for her." Murphy also said, "I am also very glad that she is being given this opportunity."

Pratt was unable to be reached for comment on her new position and feelings about leaving the Residential Life Department.

While working in the Student Affairs Office, Pratt will be reporting to Dr. Denise Schlake who is supervising the position of Student Services Coordinator.

At this time, there is not a successor for Pratt as Resident Director, although a committee has been formed to appoint a new one.

## Cuban-American Community Rails Against Feds' Action

**Mark Fineman**  
L.A. Times/Washington Post

Irene Alonso's husband, Ruben, kept the television on all night, just in case. Then, at 5:15 Saturday morning, he shook her awake with horror in his eyes and venom in his veins.

"Look! Look what they're doing to that poor little boy!" Alonso shouted as he dragged his wife to the set in their Little Havana home at the very moment that federal agents launched Operation Reunion live on global TV.

"It was just so horrible," Irene recalled later as she waited to bail out Ruben at the Miami-Dade County Jail, where most of those gathered believed that police had overreacted and provoked many confrontations. "How could this happen in the United

States? It was like being back in Cuba again."

In less than two hours after those images were broadcast, the Alonsos were in the streets with their 19-year-old daughter at the start of a marathon day of venting here, a day of fury, confusion, betrayal and then sad resignation that ended with more than 184 people behind bars and gaping wounds in a Cuban American exile community that has built so much of this city and has worried about its most famous new symbol for so long.

And as community leaders railed against "a betrayal of all the values and principles that (America) represents," Irene Alonso spent most of her time trying to get a husband who

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# -Viewpoints on Politics 2000- Gun Control Rights

## 'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness'

**Charles Robinson**  
Political Columnist

There are two ways that you can look at gun control in the United States. Either you are for it or you are against it. Most people don't see it any other way. However there is another way to look at it.

What if it was keeping your Second Amendment rights to bear arms or your unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Which one would you choose?

Lets look at the way the Democrats stand. First of all, we believe that we should protect the utmost rights of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. With the amount of handguns, assault rifles and regular rifles out on the market and the increase of weapon purchases in the last year, the best way to protect our rights as human beings is to strengthen gun control. I know that this may offend many gun owners and the members of the National Rifle Association, but there are ways to aid in our safety without banning guns.

Consider these ideas. What if each gun dealer and pawnshop was required to provide trigger locks when they sold either a handgun or a rifle.

The dealer can provide a trigger lock, however, it is ultimately up to the owner to put the trigger lock on. Just by handing out the trigger locks does not mean the gun is going to be safe, but it is at least a step in the right direction.

Another thing is that the timing for background checks should be expanded to three days instead of one day as proposed by the Republicans. If gun owners really want the gun, then they can wait a couple more days just to make sure of the safety. Why would they rush to get the gun? Even buyers at a gun show should be required to wait the maximum amount of time, allowing a complete and thorough background check.

With legislation that has been introduced in Congress by the Republicans, many assault rifles that are currently banned would be allowed back onto the market. With the backing of the National Rifle Association, the Right wing conservatives have pressed the issue of concealed weapons, opposing mandatory trigger locks and the issue of closing the loophole for gun show background checks.

With the Columbine High School

shooting taking place a year ago and many memories of the tragedy and loss suffered by the school, friends and family of the survivors, the Second Amendment right to bear arms does not seem appropriate at this time.

The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was denied to those youth and a teacher who died. I support the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness by backing the Democrats with mandatory trigger locks and longer gun show background checks. From a piece of hearsay, the lady who purchased the weapons used in the Columbine shooting would not have purchased the weapons if she would have had to wait three days for a background check. Personally, that right there says it all.

In light of these arguments, it is ultimately left up to the individual conscience. Do you support the unalienable rights of 'Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness' or do you support the second amendment as the right to bear arms? Please send any comments or questions to [crobins@umr.edu](mailto:crobins@umr.edu) or [miner@umr.edu](mailto:miner@umr.edu).

## 'Give me liberty or give me death!'

**Chris Wilson**  
Political Columnist

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." To those of you who remember your 8th grade civics class, or have taken Political Science 90, you recognize the preceding quote as the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. Here is another curious quote that some of you may also remember, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." Now, what do these two quotes have in common besides the fact that they are both part of our Constitution? They relate the sole basis for the existence of our nation and one of the most controversial topics in the political arena, which are respectively, freedom and gun control.

Gun control has always been on the chopping block of liberals. Especially since the Brady Bill was passed, and in the wake of the recent school shootings, gun control has taken front and center stage of political debate.

And, as is always the case in politics, there are two sides: those who want to eventually eliminate the citizens' right to bear arms, and those who want to preserve the Freedoms established by our Founding Fathers. To anti-gun activists, eliminating firearms will eliminate all firearm related catastrophes. There is one poignant example where this mindset did not lead to success. During Prohibition (enacted by the 18th Amendment in 1919), the government tried to eliminate the sale and consumption of alcohol in the United States. What happened as a result? Bootleggers produced their own alcohol and sold it to citizens. In order to combat these lawbreakers, the Federal government enlisted the help of U.S. Marshals and other law enforcement agencies. In the end, countless numbers of law enforcement officers and citizens lost their lives in a war that was not necessary. These people died for Prohibition, which was eventually repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933.

Are the liberals correct that something must be done about gun related violence? Yes, almost any politician will concede that something must be done about criminals with guns. However, as is shown in the war on drugs, even though something is outlawed, does not mean that it cannot be obtained by a criminal. Our school is located next to the "Drug Corridor" of the Midwest! If you ask a random

person on the street why Interstate 44 is known by that name, they will most likely not respond, "Because we have the largest number of pharmacies, per capita, in the Midwest." They do not set up drug checkpoints to see who bought the extra large bottle of Tylenol at Wal-Mart. Taking away the right that allows law-abiding citizens to bear arms will not ensure that criminals will not be able to acquire firearms. If we want to fight gun related violence, we need to target the criminals, not the guns.

This country was founded on the belief that all people have the right to be free. This right is what made our country. Without this right our country would cease to exist. Anti-gun activists contend that the Founding Fathers intended the second amendment for a different purpose. They maintain that the context (the late 18th century United States) in which the Bill of Rights was written makes certain Amendments contained therein inapplicable. However, many people believe that the Founding Fathers enacted the Bill of Rights to preserve Freedom. The Constitution states in its preamble that it was written to "establish justice," "provide for the common defense," and "secure the Blessings of Liberty." In particular, the 2nd Amendment itself states that the right to bear arms is necessary to

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insure the security of a free state. Maybe the words and thoughts of those who were there, when this Country was born, and those who serve this country now best explain the intent of the Constitution and the Second Amendment.

George Washington said, "Firearms stand next in importance to the constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and the keystone under independ-

ence... The rifle and pistol are equally indispensable...The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference—they deserve a place of honor with all that is good."

Abraham Lincoln said, "We, the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the Courts—not to overthrow the Constitution, but to overthrow men who pervert the Constitution."

Benjamin Franklin said, "They that would give up essential liberty for a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Patrick Henery said, "Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel. Unfortunately, nothing will preserve it but downright force. Whenever you give up that force, you are ruined...The great object is that every man be armed...Everyone who is able may have a gun."

The Declaration of Independence reads, "[Governments derive] their just powers from the consent of the governed, -That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the

Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government...But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

Steve Symms, U.S. Senator from Idaho, said, "In America, freedom and justice have always come from the ballot box, the jury box and when that fails, the cartridge box."

Here are quotes from two people who support (or did support) gun control:

President Bill Clinton, March 1, 1993 (during a press conference in Piscataway, NJ) said, "[The United States] can't be so fixed on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans..."

Finally, Adolf Hitler said, "1938 will go down in history! For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration! Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient and the world will follow our lead into the future!"

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fled communism in Cuba out of jail in America. Appealing for calm among his 800,000 Cuban American constituents Saturday evening, Miami-Dade County Mayor Alex Penelas expressed his own "anger and frustrations at the federal government's actions" during the raid that "snatched" 6-year-old Cuban castaway Elian Gonzalez from his great-uncle's Little Havana home.

Echoing so many whose pained reaction paralyzed about 10 city blocks all day, the Miami city mayor, Joe Carollo, added: "I can't find the words to express the indignation, the shame I felt this morning toward our federal government."

Most of those gathered in the streets chose to express their feelings through signs and slogans, although some used bottles and stones, occasionally pelting columns of helmeted and gas-masked riot police in a disorganized ballet

for control of the streets. But behind it all was a shared sense of righteous passion.

A Jeep festooned with Cuban flags and graffiti declaring "Clinton Disgraced His Family; Now He Disgraced Ours" attempted to break through police lines. A shirtless, elderly man silently held a sign reading "Ashamed to be an American." Scores wore T-shirts calling the U.S. president a Communist. Some even burned the American flag.

Amid such imagery, which underscored the conflicting emotions shared by hundreds of thousands of Cuban families divided by two nations and systems that have been sparring since Cuban President Fidel Castro's revolution 41 years ago, many in the streets felt ripped in half by their ancestry and their nationality.

"What they did to that boy is anti-American. It's anti-democratic," shouted Jaime Velasco, a 64-year-old waiter who came to the United States a year after Castro's revolution. "Of course today I'm ashamed of America. Because I love this country."

Later, appearing alongside Penelas and local religious leaders in a televised appeal for peaceful protest, Carollo was in tears.

"No matter how much we hurt inside," he said, "we cannot think with our hearts. We have to think with our heads. ... That is the best way we can help Elian Gonzalez, help Miami and put less shame on America today."

At the Miami-Dade County Jail, amid a throng of weeping and worried family members seeking word of relatives and friends arrested earlier in the day, Irene Alonso was dealing with several levels of pain.

As a mother wailed in the background, "I brought my son to America to be free, and now he's here in jail," Alonso reflected on what drove her, her husband and daughter and so many others into the streets Saturday.

"It was just so cruel. You don't do that to a little child," she said of the raid. "If they had gone in in an orderly fashion, none of this would have happened."

## Retention

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June, incoming freshman can participate in the month long program in which students take chemistry and math for credit and participate in activities promoting leadership and community spirit. The final part of this incentive is the implementation of learning communities.

According to the US News and World Report rankings, published Aug. 30, 1999, UMR had one of the lowest freshman retention rates and graduation rates among similar schools. 79 percent of freshman returned after their first year as compared to 83 percent at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Michigan Tech, and Iowa State, 92 percent at the University of Illinois, and 84 percent at the Colorado School of Mines, and 87 percent at Purdue. Graduation rates (percentage of students graduating after six years) showed a similar trend. UMR had a 55 percent graduation rate, as opposed to 77 percent at the University of Illinois, 60 percent at UMC, 63 percent at Michigan Tech and 65 percent at Purdue.

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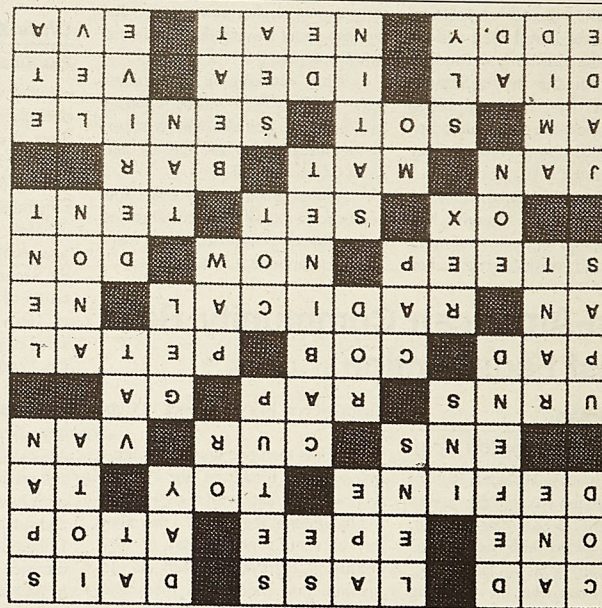
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## Answers to the Crossword Puzzle

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## HUMOR

### Erroneous gripes and nonsensical complaints

An Editorial by Sports Editor,  
Sean Zuckerman

Twice a semester the editors of the Missouri Miner are required to write an editorial. For the past three weeks I have been anxiously awaiting my turn. I know that I, along with many other students on this campus, am engulfed with curiosity and outraged at the frivolous wasting of university funds.

Every year the university wastes hundreds of thousands of dollars on cleaning bills for the power plant operators. That's right, those guys wearing the stark white jump suits that scamper around the piles of coal like albino squirrels.

Did you ever wonder how they get their jumpsuits so white? Regular laundry won't do the trick. No. I've tried. While taking a leisurely stroll to class one day, I happened to deposit some lovely coal material on my sock. All attempts to remove the black gook proved useless. I had to throw that sock away and walk around wearing only one sock the next time that pair, or rather half-pair, came up in the sock rotation schedule.

This question has been bothering me for weeks. I wake up in the middle of the night in cold sweats wondering "How DO they get those uniforms so white?" I haven't been able to concentrate on anything else.

So finally, after weeks of intensive research and some covert reconnaissance missions, I have discovered the answer. For the first time in over three weeks, I can finally get a good night's rest. No more terrifying thoughts of white overalls stained with coal residue chasing me in my dreams. Instead pleasant thoughts like thermodynamics and physical chemistry can invade my dreams and bring me nighttime joy.

And now, finally, the answer everyone's been waiting for: lots of bleach. But not just any bleach, it's highly caustic and dangerous. The vats used to dip the jumpsuits in resemble those that the Joker fell into in the first "Batman" (which, by the way, is the best "Batman" movie).

And don't think for one minute that coal-stained jumpsuits are the only thing that goes into those vats. Small children and stray animals that wander too close often fall in and are reduced to a peach colored muck that is bottled and shipped off to hot dog manufacturers around the world.

Disgruntled university employees are also given the heave-ho and sacrificed to the Clean White Jumpsuit god. I personally witnessed one such "sacrifice." Assorted members of the faculty, UMR police department and a few random people off the street danced around the vat chanting Gregorian monk chants while their leader, Chancellor Park, beat his chest and tickled the bound subject until he jumped to his ultimate hot dog destiny below.

But back to the jumpsuits. The bleaching process creeps along like a snail on a beach. To keep the workers from shoveling coal naked, the university has had to purchase seven different sets of matching jumpsuits. These suits had to be special ordered because there hasn't been an order for that many white jumpsuits since Elvis and Liberace kicked the bucket.

So the next time you see those guys frolicking in the coal piles and puddle hopping in the mysterious puddles that appear around the power plant, think about how they get those white suits so white. And be afraid; be very afraid.

**Disclaimer:** The previous editorial was completely untrue, false and just plain made up. All information should be disregarded as trivial entertainment and should be forgotten except on the second Tuesday of the third lunar cycle of every other leap year, when this information might be true. This sentence is here solely to occupy space in this issue of the Missouri Miner and occupy more of your valuable learning time. So if you value your education, stop reading here. If not, continue reading. This disclaimer removes any responsibility for libel, slander, sleepless nights spent wondering where I ever came up with this twisted and demented story and any bad grades resulting from your reading the Missouri Miner during class instead of paying attention to your professor. Any references to sheep, goats or any other farm animals is strictly coincidental and does not reflect the views of the rest of the editorial board, but they sure are fun!

## Correction

The headline of the *Letter to the Editor* on page 5 of the April 19 issue should have read, "MSM-UMR Alumni Association does not sell names to mailing lists".

## Letter to the Editor:

### Internet sufficient social life for some

I disagree with Jonathan Erdman's article about the use of the internet as a social medium. He claims that "the internet cannot solve all the social needs of a human being." He doesn't say what those "social needs" are. He says that people in social groups, such as residents on a floor or people in a fraternity, are better "connected." This is not true for everyone. I live in the Quad and I only know the names of three people here. I only talk to one of them on a regular basis. That is, I only talk to him during lunch and dinner (sometimes I don't even see him then).

Jonathan says that people using the internet cut "down their interaction with people around them" as if this were a bad thing. I don't talk to "real" people any less since I have gotten the internet. Using the internet doesn't reduce my "normal" social interaction. Actually, I talk to more people in chatrooms than I do in "real life." What defines a "normal social interaction?" What is wrong with preferring a computer over a person? People have argued that television and video games are detrimental to people's "social health," but we all know that video games and TV aren't bad for us.

Furthermore, he says that "physical interaction is necessary, without a doubt..." He also talks about "affection" that develops between people in the "real world." Maybe I'm special in this regard, but I have never developed an "affection" toward anyone and no one has ever developed an affection for me. In fact, I prefer being alone in my room to being in a group of strangers. Admittedly, I did enjoy the last two years of high school. It was a residential school and I did make close friends who I still keep in touch with. However, I never "went out" with any of them.

I suppose I don't understand what Jonathan means by "social needs." I don't need to talk to people. I don't want to. I don't understand the fascination with driving a car around town aimlessly, or engaging in meaningless small talk with people I don't care about. If I didn't have my computer, I would turn to my books, then television. Failing that, I wouldn't have anything to do. The internet is all that some of us have. I think that people should understand the difference between needs and preferences.

Reverend Travis Yates

## Letter to the Editor:

### Reasoning why super nature does not exist

In response to a recent article concerning the controversy of creationism versus evolution, I feel it necessary for me to point out the many logical fallacies by Dr. Nutter. After mentioning his errors I will digress and discuss logical reasoning and why the idea of a "god" is meaningless.

To begin, Dr. Nutter's argument for creationism went something like this: evolution doesn't make sense, therefore creations is must be true. His line of reasoning was very illogical. For example, he showed pictures of different animal bones and showed how they were similar. He said that, if evolutionary theory were true, then, yes, it would explain why these bones are similar. Then he mentioned some rules of logic and said that although evolution predicts the bone similarity, bone similarity does not prove evolution. Then he said that the bones were similar not because of evolution, but because of a common designer. Yet he made the same assumption! He made the same logical error that he accused evolutionists of making. Although creationism predicts the bone similarity, bone similarity does not prove creationism. Dr. Nutter said, "This doesn't tell me that we have a common ancestor, but a common creator. Just because there are similarities between the bones of man and monkeys doesn't mean they are our ancestors." I can turn this quote around and say, "This doesn't tell me that we have a common CREATOR, but a common ANCESTOR. Just because there are similarities between the bones of man and monkeys doesn't mean THAT WE HAVE A COMMON CREATOR." Now, what is the difference in the strengths of these two statements? They are both made on the same premises, are stated the same way, but say opposite things. Therefore they both can be discredited.

Rejecting evolution does not mean accepting creationism. Not only does he claim that there is a creator, but he claims that this creator is the Judeo-Christian God of the Bible. But isn't it conceivable that the "creator" could be a different god from a different religion? Dr. Nutter made the biased claim that if there is a god, it MUST be "his" god. What if I were to claim that there was a creator, but his name was Larry and he lives next door to me. My Larry theory and his God theory both describe evolution. We have similar bones not because of God's design, but because of Larry's.

This leads to my discussion of logical reasoning and how it pertains to "belief". Let us assume that you want to know the truth and are willing to doubt any notion and reject notions that are illogical. The following argument is an adaptation to a paper a friend and me are writing. If my reasoning does not sound complete I encourage you to contact me.

I read the student opinion survey on whether you believed in evolution or creationism. The students who said that they believed in creationism said the did so "because that's what my religious beliefs are." This is not a reasonable defense of such a belief. This "reason" can be completely discredited as a reason for believing in a creator. The disproof is as follows: "I don't believe in creationism because that's what my beliefs are." Just as I discredited Dr. Nutter's reason, I have discredited this reason. But statements are equally valid. Because they are mutually exclusive they are irrelevant.

The reasons giving for believing in a creator are hypocritical. Dr. Nutter said that only a designer could have created life. He mentioned irreducibly complex systems, which, he claims, could not have formed naturally. Yet, the notion of a powerful creator is even more complex. If the idea of an irreducible complex system forming on its own is not satisfying to you, then how could the notion of a supernatural being make sense? Evidently, it makes sense to some people. Sill, introducing a creator does not fix the problem but makes it worse. Where did this creator come from? If it had the

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## Reasoning

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power to make life, then it must be even more complex than the life it made. Some people may argue that the creator always existed, and therefore had not creator. Then I argue that life had no creator. If a creator can be self-implied, why can't life be self-implied?

Still, evolution does appear to have many flaws. If you wanted to fix these flaws with a creator (which, as I have just mentioned, is not logical), then what else can you say about this creator? You cannot say anything. You can't say that "He" is all-powerful, or all knowing, or benevolent. Creationists like the watch example. If I found a watch in the jungle, I would conclude that it had to be designed. But I cannot conclude that the watchmaker's name is Bob, and he has blonde hair, and he would like it if you and I would get along and love each other. Again, believing in a creator does not mean that it just happens to be the same creator that was taught to you by your religion.

In summation, creationist science is a contradiction in terms. Science and reason have rejected and disproved religious notions for hundreds of years. Yet, every time the tiniest flaw is discovered in scientific theory, religious fanatics jump down science's throat, claiming that science isn't correct. If you are foolish enough to have faith in something illogical, then I suggest to you that you don't use medicine because science has given us medicine and therefore it can't be good. Don't watch television or listen to the radio, because science has given us these things, and therefore they don't work. And whatever you do, don't trust your own eyes or common sense.

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## Miner Question of the Week

by: Brandon Belvin

**Who do you think should be Man or Woman of the Year?**



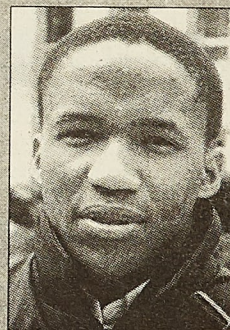
**Keith Willhaus**  
Sophomore  
Chemical Engineering

"Bill Gates, because he has lots and lots of money, and that's how you get the women."



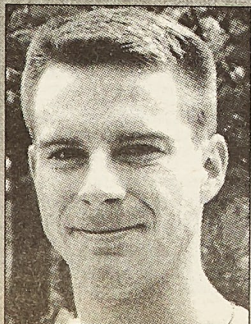
**Michelle Eldridge**  
Freshman  
Physics

"George Bush, Jr., because this has been his year in the spotlight."



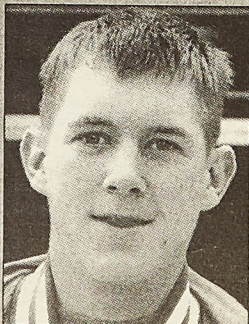
**Yame Nkgowe**  
Sophomore  
Chemical Engineering

"John McCain, because he reshaped the way Americans look at themselves and politics in general. He's made people really look back at what they value most in this country."



**Kevin Kroeger**  
Senior  
Electrical Engineering

"Pope John Paul II. This is the Jubilee year for the Church and he's had a lot of enthusiastic ideas on ways to renovate the Catholic Church. It should be a very exciting and moving time for us."



**Bruce Cunningham**  
Freshman  
Computer Engineering

"Chancellor John Park, because he's done a lot for this school and I'm proud of the changes he's brought about here to make this school a better place."



**Anne Cannady**  
Senior  
Engineering Manag.

"Rosie O'Donnell, because she does so much for charity and she's incredibly funny."



# Sports

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Tory Atwood makes contact with a pitch during the Lady Miner's homegame last Saturday against Emporia State. UMR lost the first game 4-1, but came back to win the second game 2-1 in 9 innings.

photo by Brandon Belvin

## Miner Match-up

Track and Field

UMR

at

Bill Williams Invitational

Joplin, Mo.

Friday, April 28

Time: TBA

## Softball falters in last innings, losing 7 of last ten games; Southwest Baptist coming up next

Tera McCallum

Assistant Sports Editor

The Lady Miner softball team put in a full week of conference games that proved to be fruitful for the team as they improved to eighth in the conference with a record of 12-30 and a conference record of 4-10. The team is just one game behind seventh ranked Southwest Baptist University.

The week started with a double header against Missouri Western on Saturday, April 15. In the first game, University of Missouri-Rolla got the game started quickly in the top of the first inning as Sabrina Greenwell would crush her first homer of the season that would bring in Gina Daugherty and Rachel Helser.

With the score at 3-0 the Missouri Western offense would be held scoreless for three innings by the Lady Miner defense until the fourth inning when they would bring the score to 3-2, still in favor of the Lady Miners.

UMR would make quick work of putting more run on the board in the top of the fifth as Candice Luehrs would bring in one run and Greenwell would bring in two more to put the game out of reach for the Lady Griffs.

The final score of the game

would stand at 6-5 after Missouri Western made a last ditch attempt in the sixth inning that still left them one run short.

With one tough fought game behind them, the Lady Miners found it hard to come back in the second game of the double header as they dropped the game 6-3.

Southwest Baptist was next on the Lady Miners schedule on Tuesday, the 18th. The first game of the double header came down to the last inning as the score at the end of the top of the seventh still stood at 1-1 with the Bearcats coming up to bat. It took three hits to bring one run in, but the one run ended the game with the Bearcats on top by a score of 2-1.

Even though the first game was a disappointment, the second game proved to be a success for the Lady Miners. Once again the game was taken down to the last inning, as this time the Lady Miners were the last up to bat with the score tied at 2-2. The payback came in kind as the Lady Miners would put together a three hit streak that would eventually bring Daugherty across the plate as the winning run.

The Lady Miners followed their double header against SBU with another double header the following day against SIU-Edwardsville. The lack of rest seemed to affect the

team as they dropped both games by scores of 5-3 and 8-1.

The games did not get any easier for the remainder of the week as on Friday as they would have another double header against third ranked Washburn Lady Blues. Despite being ranked five places below Washburn, the first game was once again taken down to the final inning where a ground rule double gave Washburn the go ahead run that finally gave Washburn the win with a score of 4-3.

The second game there seemed to be a curse on the Lady Miners as they would once again be held to a score of 4-3 despite a sixth inning rally that left the Lady Miners just one point behind. Still the Lady Miners were not able to put together another run in the seventh and had to settle with another loss.

The team had to quickly put themselves back together as the following day they would have their fifth double header of the week. Saturday the team would be up against Emporia State who was ranked just two spots ahead of UMR. With the chance to improve their ranking, the team knew that they had to make a good showing in the double header.

Once again, the Lady Miners got off

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## Three track members invited to Kansas Relays

Tera McCallum

Assistant Sports Editor

This past weekend proved to be a busy one for sprinter Genesis Williams. After receiving an invitation to the Kansas Relays, a track meet that some of the best track and field participants in the country attend, Williams chose to also attend the CMSU Mule Relays that the remainder of the UMR-Rolla track team was attending on Friday.

The Kansas Relays hosted a number of athletes on Friday that will soon be competing in the 2000 Olympic summer games. One such athlete was Maurice Green who ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay that set a new world record on Saturday.

With a field of thirty-two participants in the 100-meter dash, the event Williams had been invited to attend, Williams started off the day on a good note, finishing third in his opening heat. Williams then went on to his final heat where he ran a 11.17. While the time was not the best that he has run this season, Williams felt that it was a good time for he was working on the technique he will be using in a few weeks at conference.

"A big part of the 100 is trying to control your speed so that you can

keep your technique good," said Genesis after his race. "In my final heat another guy and I were quite a way ahead of the rest and I wanted to pass him in the last seventy, but I knew I couldn't do it without losing my form. I ended up not catching him, but it is teaching me to keep my speed where I can manage it and then go faster."

Williams had come into the meet as the final time accepted putting him as the thirty-second seed. With his time of 11.17 Williams finished the meet in 12th place putting him ahead of twenty runners who had qualified with faster entering times.

As soon as Williams finished his event in Lawrence, Kansas, he and Coach Sarah Preston made the trip to Warrensburg, Missouri, where Williams competed in the 200-meter dash the same day. After his trip across the state lines Williams took a top spot in his heat with a time of 22.63, which was once again good for 12th place at the Mule Relays. The time was over a half second time drop from Williams' time in the 200 just the week before and was less than two tenths of a second off his best time this season.

The other participant for UMR at the Kansas Relays was Lady Miner Dion McNeal who competed in the

discus. McNeal, who's event in Lawrence was not until Saturday, competed in two events on Friday in Warrensburg. McNeal took third place overall in the discus on Friday with a throw of 124' 6" to become one of only a few Lady Miners to score points on Friday. McNeal did not only score points in the discus, though, she also scored points in her second event, the shot put, where she tied for sixth place. The scoring throw for McNeal was a 36'3" throw, which was her personal best for the season.

After her full day in Warrensburg, McNeal made the trip to Lawrence the following day to compete once again in the discus. McNeal was able to almost top her throw from the previous day as she threw for 122' 8" and 16th place.

In addition to the UMR competitors who had been at the Kansas Relays, the Miners also had a number of great performances at the Mule Relays. Kevin McGuire took a week off of running the steeplechase to team up with Walter Kramb and run in the 1,500-meter run. The team worked together as they took first and second in their heat. After factoring in all the other heats that had been run, McGuire ended up in scoring position in 5th place, with a time of 4:10.82,

and Kramb followed in 10th place, with a time just five seconds behind McGuire.

"We just really took the race out fast," said Kramb. "It was good to have a teammate with me to help push me along. I was really glad that 'Taco' [McGuire] did so well, I just hope that we have a chance to run together again this season."

McGuire mirrored Kramb's words after the meet had finished. "I think this race was good preparation for end of the year conference. The speed work is really going to help and having Walter, who is a veteran in the race there to help me keep pace was a great asset for me."

The Miners added a few more points to their total team score as

javelin veteran Heath Misak threw 180' 4", just five feet off his personal best of the season. Misak's throw was good for third place, to make him the highest scoring Miner of the day.

On the women's side Kim Hoffman was able to bring her time down to a 5:05.99 in the 1,500-meter run, to make it her best time of the season. Hoffman's time was also good for fourth place to make her only the second Lady Miner to score points on Friday.

Lady Miners Deb Leonard was just pushed out of scoring position as she took seventh in the 800-meter run, only a few hundredths of a second behind the sixth place finisher. Leonard's time was a full two second time drop from her previous best time

## Miner Match-up

Men's Soccer

UMR vs.

Southwest Missouri State

Thursday, April 27

Rolla, Mo.

Game time 7 p.m.



## Miner Sports Recap

### Men's Baseball

#### UMR 13

Northwest Missouri State 10

Friday, April 21

Jason Mannon 3-run homerun

Randy Root 2-run homerun

Brian Hutsell 3 hits, 2 RBIs

#### UMR 0

Northwest Missouri State 8

Saturday, April 22

Alan Woodyard 1 hit, 1 run, 2 strike

outs, 8 innings pitched

Steve Fridley 2 hits

Ben Frank 1 hit

### Women's Softball

#### UMR 1

Emporia State 4

Saturday, April 22

Jennifer Triplett 1 hit, 1 run

Kacey Morris 1 hit

Tory Atwood 1 hit

#### UMR 2

Emporia State 1

(9 innings)

Saturday, April 22

Kristi Curry 7 hits, 5 strikeouts, 9 IP

Sabrina Greenwell 1 hit, 1 RBI

Darcey Rapp 1 hit, 1 run

### Track & Field Kansas Relays

Fri-Sat, April 21-22

12. Genesis Williams, 100-m dash

11.17

16. Dion McNeal, discus 122'-8"

### Mule Relays

Fri-Sat, April 21-22

Men's: 5. Kevin McGuire, 1,500-m

run 4:10.82

3. Heath Misak, javelin 180'-4"

Women's: 4. Kim Hoffman, 1,500-m

run, 5:05.99

3. Dion McNeal, discus, 124'-6"

### Tennis

UMR 5 Emporia State 4

Saturday, April 15

Singles: #1: Miguel Lopez def. #1: Miguel Lopez def. Eric Schultz, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-2; lost to Umang Chadda, 6-1, 6-2; def.

Adam Wood, 9-7; lost to Justin Menolascino, 9-8 (7-4) in consolation finals.

#2: Mike McCoy lost to Gorka Sanchez, 6-3, 6-2; lost to Nathan Artz, 8-4.

#3: Steve Posch lost to Erich Podzinski, 6-4, 6-3; def. James Vanek 8-5; lost to Erich Podzinski, 8-2 in consolation finals.

#4: Jordan Owens lost to Allan Atkins, 6-4, 6-3; lost to Desmond Tan, 8-1.

## Tennis takes fifth in MIAA Tourney

**Antone Smith**  
Sports Writer

The University of Missouri-Rolla men's tennis team finished their regulation season 3-11 overall and 1-4 in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association. They had an exhibition match scheduled April 18 versus Jefferson College. This exhibition match was to be a get-ready-for-MIAA-Championships match, and it did just that.

The Miners were looking to tidy up their play on the 18th so that they were ready to go at the MIAA Championship tournament on April 20 through April 22. In the exhibition match, the Miners came out victorious winning five of the seven matches.

Number one singles, Miguel Lopez defeated his opponent 6-3, 6-4. Number two singles Mike McCoy defeated his opponent by the same

score. Number four singles, Jordan Owens, defeated his opponent 7-5, 6-1, and number five singles Robbie Gordon finished up the singles round by defeating his opponent 6-1, 6-2.

In doubles, the Miners split the wins with Jefferson College. Miguel Lopez and McCoy won their match 8-4, while Steve Posch and Owens lost their match 9-7.

Having defeated the last three schools they faced, the Miners were psyched up for the MIAA Championship Tournament.

In number one singles, Miguel Lopez would defeat his Emporia State opponent 7-6, 4-6, 6-2 in the first round. He would then lose to Southwest Baptist 6-1, 6-2. But rebounded to defeat Washburn 9-7, only to lose to Truman State 9-8 in the consolation finals. This gave him a fourth place finish.

In number three singles, Posch lost

his first match 6-4, 6-3 to Truman State. Then he would defeat his Emporia State foe 8-5 to take him into the consolation finals. He would lose that match to the same player from Truman State 8-2 and take fourth place in number three singles.

The rest of the singles players, second seed McCoy, fourth seed Owens, fifth seed Gordon, and sixth seed Ryan Lynch would all go down in two straight matches.

In doubles, UMR's number one doubles team, Miguel Lopez and McCoy, would defeat their Northwest Missouri State opponents 8-4 in their first match. They then lose the championship finals to the Southwest Baptist duo, and take second. Number three and four doubles were both eliminated in their first matches.

The Miners would end their season by taking fifth place in the MIAA Championships.

A highlight for one of UMR's players was Miguel Lopez being awarded the MIAA Sportsmanship Award for the 2000 season. Lopez shared the award in 1999. His brother Javier won the award in 1998.

Congratulations to Miguel Lopez and good luck to the Miners tennis team next year.

## Hoosier hearts divided over scrutiny of IU's Bobby Knight

**William Gildea**

*L.A. Times/Washington Post*

Students, faculty and fans interviewed in the past week on a campus steeped in the latest controversy involving Bob Knight said they believe the coach will not resign and will not be fired as a result of a review of his behavior ordered by Indiana University's president. A videotape shown April 11 by CNN/Sports Illustrated showed Knight putting a hand on former player Neil Reed's throat and pushing him backward during a practice in 1997. Some interviewed said Knight should be fired and that, at minimum, he should receive some kind of penalty or reprimand.

The review, scheduled to be completed by the third week of June, is being conducted by two members of the university's board of trustees. One of those two trustees, John Walda, co-authored with IU President Myles Brand in 1998 an op-ed page article about what they considered "appropriate behavior" for a coach. The article, which was submitted to numerous major newspapers, followed an incident involving Knight and a referee,

who called Knight for three technical fouls during a game and ejected him. The Big Ten Conference later fined Knight \$10,000 for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Walda and Brand wrote: "Strong emotion in athletics, both among players and coaches, is understandable and even productive, provided it does not cross the line of reasonable behavior..."

"Knight demands much of his players and himself; when there are avoidable mistakes, he lets his feelings be known sometimes in a way that comes across as excessive. But he knows the limits of reasonable action and the difference between behavior that is acceptable and actions that are not. It is eminently clear to the university and to the coach."

Walda and Brand concluded: "IU is most fortunate to have Knight as our head basketball coach."

It was unclear whether Walda and Brand considered Knight's incident with Reed similar to Hayes's incident, in which the former Ohio State football coach struck a member of an opposing team during a game. Univer

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### Miner Match-up

#### Football

UMR Intrasquad Scrimmage

Rolla, Mo.

Saturday, April 29

Game time: 2 p.m.



## Hoosiers

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sity vice president for public affairs and government relations Christopher Simpson said Brand and the other trustee conducting the review, Frederick Eichhorn, would have no comment while the review is being conducted, but that it was important not to "prejudge" the result.

Knight could not be reached for comment. A school official said he was in Florida.

Simpson said any suggestion that the review would not be impartial would be incorrect.

"I think, with Myles Brand, his objectivity is not the central issue because he is not conducting the review," Simpson said.

"Referring to Mr. Walda, he has impeccable credentials professionally and ethically. He has been appointed to his job of trustee by two different governors."

Simpson said "you would be very hard-pressed to find somebody in the state of Indiana without an opinion on Bob Knight," and almost as hard-pressed to do so elsewhere.

Bruce Jaffee, an associate dean of IU's business school, said the university's Athletics Committee, which he chairs, recommended to Brand that the incident involving Reed be "investigat-

ed" following a story last month by CNN/SI in which Reed charged that Knight choked him. "The next day (Brand) set up the trustees committee," Jaffee said. "Probably he was going to do something. We probably forced his hand."

"If Bob Knight is exonerated, that's okay," Jaffee said. "If sanctions are called for, that's okay. Provided the study is comprehensive. The committee wanted a fair, unbiased investigation."

Jaffee, who declined to reveal his personal opinion or that of others on the faculty-dominated Athletics Committee, said having two trustees conduct the review rather than someone from outside the university was both "a positive" and "a negative."

"They are up and running on the situation," Jaffee said. "They have access to documents and records and people. That's also a negative," in that they are familiar with Knight's history of controversial incidents. The university has said the review is focused on the Reed incident and not any past controversies. Jaffee said of Walda and Eichhorn, "They are two honorable, well-respected men attorneys and trustees."

Murray Sperber, a tenured IU professor and longtime critic of Knight who has written several books on college athletics and its ills, said he believed that about 60 percent of the university's students favor keeping Knight. As for the

faculty, Sperber estimated 40 percent were not attuned to athletics, 10 percent were staunchly pro-Knight, 10 percent were staunchly anti-Knight and the remaining 40 percent "were quickly moving toward the opinion that Knight should be fired."

Sperber said his estimates were based in part on some 500 e-mails, phone calls or letters he has received since CNN/SI aired the tape showing Knight grabbing Reed. When Reed transferred from Indiana, he charged Knight with mental and physical abuse, but was not specific until the CNN/SI report.

"They have an impossible task," Sperber said of the two trustees conducting the review. "They want to please Knight's fans and his constituency, and they want to please people in higher education, alumni and faculty who are against Knight on this."

Sperber said he believes Knight will not resign despite calls for him to do so.

## Men's soccer to scrimmage SMS to open 2000 Spring season

Tera McCallum

Assistant Sports Editor

After finishing their 1999 season with a record of 10-6-1, the University of Missouri-Rolla men's soccer team is starting off their 2000 season with a spring scrimmage against Southwest Missouri State University on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. on the Miner soccer field.

"This is sort of the main event of our spring season," commented Coach Dawson Driscoll. "We have been practicing quite a bit so this has been a game that the guys have been look-

ing forward to for quite awhile."

The game will be a good judge of where the UMR team stands at this time for the team they will be up against, SMSU, was undefeated last year in Division I play and was given a final ranking of 5th in the country.

"SMS was a very good team last year so this should be a good game for fans to come out and watch."

The teams will start action at 7:00 p.m. and will most likely play three thirty minute periods. This will be the first chance for Miner soccer fans to see what may be in store for the season to come.

### Miner Match-up

### Men's Baseball

UMR vs. Truman State

Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29

Kirkville, Mo.

Game time: 1 p.m.

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## Miner Match-up

**Women's Softball**  
**UMR**  
**vs**  
**Southwest Baptist**

Warrensburg, Mo.  
 Friday, April 28  
 Game time: 5 p.m.

## Football intrasquad scrimmage set for Saturday

Tera McCallum

Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday, April 29 will be the first chance for University of Missouri-Rolla football fans to see the new look of UMR football. After red-shirting 24 freshmen during their disappointing 0-11 season, Head Coach Kirby Cannon is hoping that these new players will be able to make an immediate impact.

The freshmen's first chance at action for the season will be this Saturday, as the team will have an inter-

squad scrimmage at 2 p.m. on the UMR football field.

"Saturday will really be a debut for many of the players and will be their first look at what the games are going to be like," Cannon said. "We have two red-shirt freshman quarterbacks [Jason Siller and Scott Brown], that we [the coaching staff] are just going to be seeing how they have developed. They are good players, but this is going to be the first time that they will be in a real game situation where they will have to be able to avoid the hits."

Some players will also be getting their first look at a new position. Nathan Hoenshell, who will be moving from line backer to defensive end and Jason Carter will be moving from running back to defensive back.

"Some of our top players are going to be back so we will get to see how they are performing, some in different positions, who have made their transitions very well," continued Cannon. "We are also looking forward to seeing how some of our transfer students such as Emmanuel Okwuono, who transferred from Southern Arkansas will perform. He will most likely be one of our starting defensive ends. Some other players that will most likely be standouts are Shawn Stevens, who transferred from Northern Michigan University, and Brad Clark, a senior fullback this year, who we expect to be immediate impact players."

With this being the only full contact game that the team will play before school lets out, many of the players have been looking forward to this since the start of spring ball.

"Everybody in general is real excited, some of the younger guys especially. It is an opportunity for the guys who were red shirted last year to show the coaches just what they can do," Clark said. "Now it is time for everyone to show what they can do for next years team."

The game will kickoff on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Jackling Field, but the format of the game is still being determined. The UMR football team encourages everyone to come out and see what the have in store for next year.

## Softball

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to a bad start dropping the first game 4-1, but the second game proved to be a situation that the Lady Miners have begun to get used to. As the game came down to the final inning of regulation the score was tied 1-1 and the game was pushed into extra innings. After an inning of batters being retired one-two-three, Darcy Rapp led the ninth inning off with a single to right-field, but made it to third after the ball made it past the Emporia State right-fielder. Rapp then scored on a squeeze bunt from Tori Atwood to win the game for the Lady Miners.

With two conference wins the Lady Miners moved just one game out of seventh place in the conference with four conference games left. Wednesday, the Lady Miners will take on Truman State University, the current second ranked team in the conference, at the University of Missouri-Rolla softball field at 2:00. The team will then get a one day break before one game on Friday against Southwest Baptist and another on Saturday against Central Missouri State. Both games will be played in Warrensburg, Mo.

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# Features

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## Commentary: Why not euthana- sia here?

Evan Rau  
Commentary Writer

What is freedom? Is it the ability to choose how one lives his life? Is it the ability to do what one feels he wants to do? Of course there must be limits to this, but maybe only so that he doesn't hurt anyone else or affect another's freedom while he is exercising his own rights. So why can a person not decide to kill themselves without being dubbed a criminal? Is it really so wrong to be uninterested in continuing life? I am not talking about the religious aspect of refusing the gift of life, and the punishments resulting. I am referring to the illegality of suicide and more importantly, euthanasia.

There are thousands of situations that can be drawn upon to demonstrate this point, but let's take a cancer sufferer as an example. A forty-seven year old man with cancer of the liver has two children both in their early years of high school. He has been undergoing treatment including chemotherapy and radiation therapy for over a year, and his cancer has not responded well. There is a less than one in one thousand chance that he will make it to see the day one year from now. His children avoid the bathroom now, where they know they may hear him on the toilet with terrible diarrhea, holding a trashcan into which he is dry heaving. He has lost over 50 pounds in the last eight months, and weighed 175 pounds before that. His wife has been very silent for the last few months, and the children cook most of the meals for her. She has quit her job and, when not caring for her husband, generally reads medical fiction novels to completion on the sofa. The man has told her that he doesn't know how much longer he can go through all that he is when there is no hope of improvement. She doesn't usually answer. He talked to a doctor he knew as an old friend and discussed a peaceful death. Tentative arrangements had been made, but the doctor friend was still uneasy because he knew he could get in a lot of trouble. Regard-

see *Euthanasia*, page 16

## Woman of the Year



Dr. Paula Lutz, Woman of the Year Award recipient for 1999, works at her desk in the Biological Sciences Department.

photo by Kristen DeFilippo



Dr. Susan Murray, right, receives an elegant gift from Cindy Tang, left, at the Woman of the Year Awards Banquet.

photo courtesy of Dr. Elizabeth Cummins

## A personal look at Paula Lutz

Joe Miller  
Staff Writer

Even if she was not the focus of attention at the Woman of the Year award banquet last Wednesday, Dr. Paula Lutz is not without her own distinctive background and past recognition as Woman of the Year.

Lutz, a graduate and professor of Biological Sciences at University of Missouri-Rolla, was the chairperson of the committee in charge of awarding the Woman of the Year, this year. "Whoever gets the Woman of the Year award actually becomes the chairperson and a keynote speaker for the next year's ceremony," Lutz explained.

Lutz was surprised, last year, when she found out she had won the award. "The previous winners were here longer than I was, and were an elite group of individuals," Lutz said. "It was an honor to know I was included in that group."

Receiving her B.S. degree in Chemistry, with a Life Sciences preference, Lutz pointed out, "According to the American Chemist Society, I am officially a chemist, also." Afterwards, she went on to receive her Ph.D. from Duke University, and returned to UMR as a professor.

Because of her previous experience at UMR as a student, Lutz was not intimidated or surprised at the

number of men in her department when she returned. "I've always been accustomed to working with men in my field," Lutz said.

Regardless, Lutz has a special interest in persuading younger women to consider looking into the field of biology. The number of women in the field, as well as at UMR, has risen quite a bit since Lutz's return. "Here in the Biology department, we have a good number of females majoring in the field. Probably between 40 and 50 percent of the biology majors at UMR are female."

Additionally, Lutz assists an organization that exposes girl scouts to activities in hands-on, laboratory settings. This year, the organization was called "Bridge the Gap," with intentions of helping to "bridge the gap" between the girl scouts and the concepts involved in math and science. Other clubs and communities that Lutz is a part of include the Helix Club, Phi Sigma and she is also the current adviser for Kappa Delta, the sorority in which she was involved during her undergraduate years.

While active in these organizations, Lutz still carries out her duties as a professor by teaching classes and conducting research. One thing that she really emphasizes in her classes is the ability to communicate. "I think communication skills are essential," Lutz explained. "No matter what field you go into, communicating ideas will always play an important part."

## Chad Cole's Culinary Cor- ner: Smoothies in summer

Chad Cole  
Culinary Columnist

Spring is now in its sultry prime and summer is just around the corner, so what does all of this hot weather mean? It's time to break out the smoothies! You know, those fruity cold drinks that can take the edge off of a hot day in the sun.

If you don't know much about these delicious snacks, then now is the perfect time to locate a blender and find out what all of this smoothie fun is about! Smoothies are a good idea for breakfasts and lunches. They serve as great midnight snacks. I guess I'm saying that they can be fit into anytime during the day, with any meal and as a snack for all occasions. A big batch can also be made and saved in the refrigerator for later easy access as snacks. All these little snacks require are some fruit, milk and a blender.

For those health nuts out there, and those wishing to start eating better, this is a great way to add some fruit into your diet. Smoothies can be made with any kind of fruit, so choose your favorite and throw it in the blender.

The Health Junkie store on the corner of Pine and Bishop (highway 63) has a huge selection of smoothies. There are all kinds of exotic combinations, from those with strength supplements suited for weightlifters trying to put on muscle mass to those with massive amounts of caffeine for students needing to stay up late studying for tests. There is bound to be one to suit your fancy.

Some classic smoothie examples from the Smoothie Central website:

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1 banana

4 strawberries

1/2 cup skim milk

1/2 cup apple juice

Apple - Coconut

1/4 cup apple juice

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1/4 teaspoon fresh ginger root

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2 small ice cubes

Put all ingredients into blender.

Blend until smoothie consistency is reached!



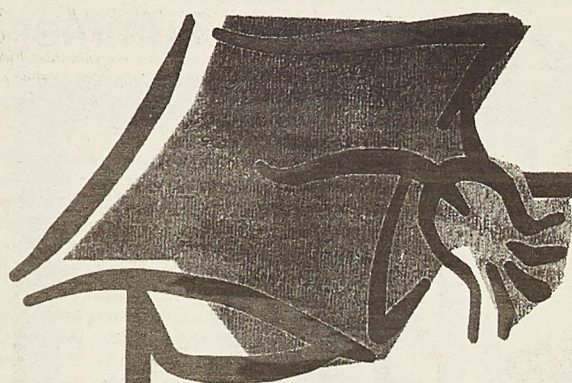
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Dec 99 winners were MgtSy grad, Steve Hodson (above  
with COC Director Jamie Archer) and Jeff Krause, Met..

## Fashion: Who loves pink?

Abere Karibi-Ikiriko  
Fashion Columnist

With all the homework to do and tests to study for, students don't have time to worry about what to wear. For most students, anything would do. However, I searched the campus to bring you this week's campus fashion.

Mo Koloi is heating up the sidewalks at UMR, getting the campus ready for the steamy summer ahead of us. She is walking along the sidewalk in front of the Engineering management building with the hottest look for spring. The lime colored ribbed t-shirt by The GAP is worn over a black mini skirt by Express, a great color combination. Perfect for the weather, she wears black knee high Nine West leather boots over black sheer tights. Mo knows that the weather is still unpredictable so she throws on a black Wilson's Jacket to complete her leathery look. Of course she is going to class so she carries her black UMR backpack behind her. Mo also has a unique hairstyle. She has her hair braided to the shoulders and curled at the ends. You can't go wrong with this look.



### Fashion advice for girls:

With another dreary winter behind us, what can you do to usher in the most glorious season of the year? This spring, get on board with the color pink. It is hard to pass up with its naturally enticing aura and its association with all things spring: flowers, Easter, girls in party dresses...you get the picture! If you think you can't wear pink...think again! Pink comes in every hue in the color spectrum. Pale pinks like baby pink and orchid fare best on blonds and others with fair skin as well as many Asian and deeper mahogany skin tones. Go deeper and more saturated heading towards fuchsia and you will flatter those with the olive and lighter skin tones as well as many brunettes. Red and auburn haired beauties look stunning in pinks on the raspberry or super bleached out palest wispy pink ends of the spectrum. Designers of all walks of the fashion life are pushing pink as the ID card for the fashionably correct. Gucci showcased deep berry pink in its sheer stretch sweater (featured on Julianne Moore on the cover of April Allure). Ashley Judd looks fabulously radiant on the cover of Marie Claire, May 1999 in a cK fitted knit tank dress. Pinks pair well with so much of what is already in your closet! Pull out your grays from the fall and wear pink tops with pewter or heather gray pants. Black is also another natural choice for pink's date. Or, allow yourself to be enveloped in a pretty pink Indian or Asian inspired patterned pink sarongs or scarves. Pink silks and pink knits will take you from spring to summer effortlessly.

### Fashion advice for guys:

Are you the kind of guy who wants to be a rock star or just dress like one? You've seen guys with style like Lenny Kravitz's funky glam look or Brad Pitt's retro threads in Fight Club. So, do they sell beat up leather jackets and bowling shirts at the mall? No! But you can add a dash of flava to your duds by shopping at vintage stores. You don't have to makeover your whole wardrobe. A simple pair of shoes from the 30s can really jazz up a new pair of jeans, or just throwing a hip leather jacket over anything you're wearing is a great look!

To get started, check the local yellow pages for thrift stores, vintage stores and consignment stores. Thrift stores are run by non-profit organizations like The Salvation Army, Goodwill and other charities. You'll find really cheap prices, with a good variety and selection. Vintage stores specialize in original pieces from the '20s up to the '80s. Prices may be higher than thrift stores, but you'll find better quality and some rare items. In a consignment store, individuals give clothes to the store with an understanding that if they are sold, they'll get a percentage of the selling price. Generally, these stores carry high-quality designer items. Before shopping, think about what you wear to school, on the weekend, to a party, etc. Are you lovin' jeans, leather jackets and groovy shirts? You'll find them in a vintage store. Planning helps. Sizes may not be marked, so definitely try stuff on and bring a tape measure to measure waistbands. Trying on shoes? Wear the right socks. Looking for a coat or jacket? Think about whether or not you want to wear a sweater underneath. Storeowners inspect clothes that come in before putting them on the racks. But you may find items with problems. Don't buy a piece of clothing that is stained, badly faded, has moth holes or if the fabric is fragile and tearing. The best thing to do is just jump right in. Go to a store, and see what they've got. Something will catch your eye and you'll have a great time! What makes it exciting is that you'll find something unique. No one else will have it.

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**Humor:**

# KMSM DJ fools listener with "April Fools gag"

**Marmaduke Gump**

**Humor Columnist**

Abdulah Auruksanjani, disc jockey for the student radio station 83.4 FM KMSM, thought his semester would be perfect if and only if he consummated it with an on air gag in celebration of April Fool's Day, which he mistook to mean April Fool's Month. As his 2 a.m. radio show entered its second half, Abdulah thought the "time was most ripe," as he put it, for his well planned and overly-choreographed bit.

In his two-year project of carefully forming words out of English characters, Abdulah discovered an ambiguity in the meaning of the phrase, "starts with." After numerous months planning, his joke was ready. By gingerly suggesting callers "call in" and try to name four automobile models that, as KMSM Public Relation's manager Don Hortshaczec related, "start with 'P,'" Abdulah had led them into his web of deceit.

"Abdulah had been unusually quiet these past few weeks," said Hortshaczec. "I couldn't tell if something was wrong, but during his 2 a.m. to 3:15 a.m. shift he would just play endless Peter Framton tunes and write page after page of notes. He seemed so intent that his show would often run over into "The Piezoelectric Radio hour."

According to authorities, at exactly 2:37 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, Mr. Edgar Caerdi, who had inadvertently tuned to KMSM, mistaking it for 83.6 K-FRAM, "All Peter Framton—all the time," heard Auruksanjani's radio announcement of the contest and promptly "called it in." The following is an excerpt from the telephone conversation:

**Abdulah:** Hello? Hello? Are you wanting to call in order to make request for music?

**Caerdi:** Ah, no. I wanted to redeem that offer I just heard about the cars. You said you give me a "what" if I answered the question?

**Abdulah:** A goat-head Vishnu with umbilical chit-lans. Now, the question I must be asking you, can you be naming for the next two minutes three automobile types 'of make or model. These must be starting with the letter "P"...er, start with "P?"

According to the transcript provided to the Miner, Caerdi answered with three various automobile models whose names have been

withheld for political reasons. Abdulah proceeded to laugh in short, pained breaths for well over 27 seconds. On-duty engineer James Buchanan said he was shaken from his somnolent state by the sound and attempted the Hiemlich Maneuver on Auruksanjani by mistake.

As Auruksanjani resumed speaking, he revealed to a bewildered Caerdi the joke and promptly cut him from the air. Caerdi, who was still under the assumption that he was listening to K-FRAM, was doubly shocked when the DJ began spinning freely Gwar tracks continuously for the rest his shift.

KMSM, in an attempt to avert suit, has released a public notice to all listeners, both faithful and accidental, not to take a single thing Auruksanjani says ever again. His show, "The Most Vish-nu-loved Show on Air."

*The preceding article contained childish stupidity and should not have been read by those five years of age and older. The author claims no responsibility for accidental death, spontaneous combustion, fried tomatoes or the heartbreak of psoriasis brought on by this piece of literary buffoonery. Reader discretion was advised.*

**CD Review:**

## Lou Reed needs Ecstasy

**Rebecca Lexa**

**CD Reviewer**

After 35 years and almost 40 albums released, one would think Lou Reed would have acquired some talent. Yet his latest release, "Ecstasy," is anything but what the title implies. Lacking in originality, melody and vocals, the music of Lou Reed is probably best avoided.

Not that Lou hasn't been trying over the past three and a half decades. His obsession with rock and roll started in his teens, and although he attempted to go through college and live a relatively settled life, the siren song of rock never left him. In 1965, he and a friend started his first band, one that went through four names and numerous members before settling on becoming "The Velvet Underground," a name which originally graced the cover of an erotic novel. Reed stayed with the band four years, then went out on his own, starting the career that he is still beating like the proverbial dead horse.

Being independent hasn't aided Lou's music much. Although he has been hailed as an accomplished guitarist, "Ecstasy" contains little more than some chord progressions and a few generic rock riffs. The bass is understated, and the instances when bassist Fernando Saunders gets to show off are most of the highlights of


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## Lou Reed

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this CD. The other eight members of the ensemble, playing everything from drums to cellos, are fairly mediocre. Instrumentally, this album is unimpressive.

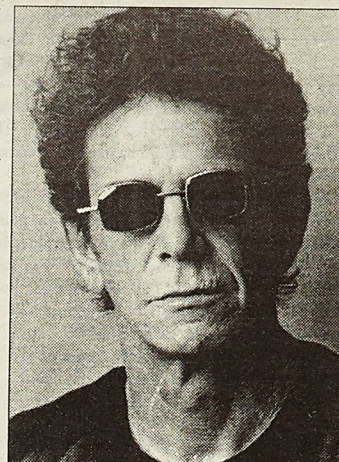
Lou has a voice to match. It tends to be flat and run-of-the-mill. The songs themselves don't help. Completely lacking in decent melody, they are repetitive, and the lyrics are laughable. This is a CD of rather commonplace tunes.

The first track, "Paranoia Key of E" has a promising entrance, but as soon as the vocals hit, the song is sunk. Lou's voice husks through lyrics like "And in my bedroom a female zoo/Worse than Clinton in prime time"—too cute to be serious, but not cute enough to be humorous. The melody barely deviates from verse to chorus, and if there's a bridge it's easily missed.

The same lack of melodic variety and repetitiveness can be found in "Mystic Child." Lou's voice strains somewhat with the higher, louder notes in the song, further accentuating the lack of vocal ability. More ridiculous lyrics abound, such as "Throwin' up/Wild/Like a child."

Lyrics like these tell the story of getting completely drunk in a series of bad metaphors.

"Modern Dance" is a slower song which makes Lou sound like a failed beatnik poet with a guitar. The melody is almost completely lacking here,



Lou Reed released his new album, "Ecstasy," Spring 2000.  
photo courtesy of Reprise Records

replaced by half-keyed rambling. "No one ever confused/ever loses place/with

their place," are just a few of the words used to describe Lou's thoughts on traveling and seeing new places.

"Ecstasy" itself is about as far from the concept as watching a computer defragment. The song drags on with more sing-song melody. He sings, "I'm going to the cafe, I hope they've got music/And I hope they can play." That's more than what can be expected of this song's instrumentals, which consist of a guitar playing the same three notes over and over, a pair of bongo drums with unvarying rhythm and a few cameo appearances by a cello.

Some of the better guitar work can be found in "Future Farmers of America." A faster-paced song, it still doesn't flatter Lou's voice any. The song is sung from the point of a black slave before the Emancipation Proclamation, singing things like "Born on a farm in transatlantic moonlight/Split like a cord of wood my family broke up," and "Kill them whenever you can/Future Farmers of America." Is Lou trying to be controversial in an attempt to make up for a lack of talent?

The rest of the album is equally lacking in pretty much everything. Listeners who seek talented sounds will be sorely disappointed by this lack of musical ecstasy.

## SUMMER CARE PROGRAM

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## Air Force ROTC hits sunny Florida

Douglas Hamilton  
AFROTC

How did you spend your Spring Break? Well, 15 Air Force ROTC Cadets escaped the evil confines of Rolla and the wicked cold of mid-Missouri to go to the lovely beaches of sunny Florida. Now, you may be asking yourself, "What business do Air Force cadets have in Florida?" Only to visit two of the nicest Air Force bases in the United States: Hurlbert Field and Eglin AFB. For five days UMR Cadets toured the two bases making a few quick stops at the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola and, of course, the beach.

Cadets spent the first day at Eglin Air Force Base. Their first stop was the Air Force Research Laboratories Air Armament Center. This is where Air Force and government personnel come up with better, cheaper and faster ways to destroy enemy targets without destroying people and buildings around them. Here the cadets were introduced to

such state of the art technology as the GPS guided bomb, a bomb that can be delivered with pinpoint precision using the Global Positioning Satellites.

On the second stop the cadets were introduced to the McKinley Climate Chamber. This is a gigantic hanger, about the size of a football field, used to subject aircraft to the severest of climates. Even if it is 80 degrees outside the chamber, inside it can be as low as minus 65 degrees or as hot as 180 degrees. The people at the Climate Chamber can reproduce snowstorms, sandstorms or the conditions of a tropical rain forest; the possibilities are endless.

On the third day the cadets got down and dirty at Hurlbert Field, home of Air Force Special Operations. Here the cadets were introduced to the AC-130 Gunship. With a 25mm Gatling Gun and 40mm and 105mm guns, this is one plane you would not want to be standing under when it unloads. Firing at 1800 rounds per minute, the Gatling

gun alone can rain sheer terror on enemy targets. Moreover, since all special operations missions are done at night, all of the cadets were given a night vision goggle demonstration.

Their next stop was at a RED HORSE squadron. RED HORSE squadrons are the Air Force's premier Civil Engineering Squadrons. With capabilities to build any project from beginning to end, anywhere in the world, these people mean business. RED HORSE squadrons can be deployed all over the world and are sometimes called upon at a moments notice to pack up and move out to any hot spot. If the Air Force needs a project built fast - these are the people who can do it.

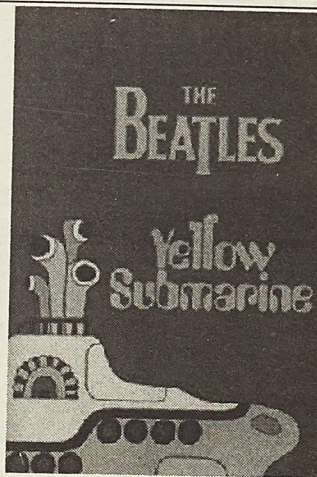
As you see, the Air Force has a wide range of career fields for young Second Lieutenants. If you are interested in AFROTC or what the Air Force may have to offer you, contact Major David Cox at 341-4203 or by email at dcox@umr.edu.

## Winter Film Series

Next Tuesday, May 2, the University of Missouri-Rolla Film Festival will present Yellow Submarine, directed by George Dunning.

Yellow Submarine is a whimsical animated fantasy, with visuals inspired by great songs of The Beatles. When the happy, peaceful kingdom of Pepperland is invaded by the Blue Meanies, it's up to John, Paul, George and Ringo to save the day. Songs include All You Need Is Love, When I'm 64, Nowhere Man, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band, Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds, A Day in the Life, All Together Now, the previously unavailable Hey Bulldog and the title tune. G-1968.

The movie will be shown in Leach Theatre of Castleman Hall at 7 p.m.



## AFROTC cadets attend 17th Annual Dining-Out

Captain Jason N. Fields  
AFROTC

On April 8, cadets from the University of Missouri-Rolla Air Force ROTC program held their 17th Annual Dining-Out at Zeno's Steakhouse in Rolla, Mo. The Air Force dining-out is a formal dinner where Air Force personnel and guests can gather and partake in a mixture of entertainment, tradition and fun. This year, over 80 people attended the "mess," which included Air Force personnel, AFROTC cadets and their guests.

The evening began with a social hour for mingling to meet and greet other guests. The dining-out was officially opened with the ringing of the mess bell. Those who were in attendance

were treated to a sumptuous formal dinner. However, food was not the only thing in store for the mess. Soon the "grog bowl" was open. The grog is a mixture of unusual yet edible liquids and foods provided by different cadet organizations and groups. According to tradition, if an individual breaks a "rule of the mess," a trip to drink from the grog is warranted. It was highly entertaining to watch as cadets tried to send one another to sample the liquid (a rather liberal use of the word) concoction known as the grog.

After dinner, the mess was privileged to have Mr. Howard Chrisco, of St. James, as the guest speaker. Chrisco, a veteran of World War II, spoke to "the mess" about this experience as a Prisoner Of War in the Pacific. The story of his

struggle and survival inspired everyone in attendance.

The formal portion of the Dining-Out was concluded with a video, which highlighted cadet activities from the past year. Afterwards, cadets and guests were entertained with music, dancing and refreshments to top off the evening. Everyone from AFROTC is anxiously looking forward to next year when they will again get the opportunity to experience another Dining-Out.

## Scholarships awarded to Management Systems majors

Stephanie Fitch  
Management Systems

Three University of Missouri-Rolla students in the Management Systems Program have been selected to receive the CIBER EAS Achievement Award Scholarship. Applications were solicited from college students nationwide, and UMR is proud to have the largest number of students receiving the award of any college or university.

Scholarship winners were Doug Ackenhansen, a Management Systems senior, Laurie Ingram, also a Management Systems senior and Shelley Erickson, a senior with a dual major in Management Systems and Computer Science.

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## SUBconscious: Comedy Series and BBQ to wrap up semester

Kate Carter

Student Union Board

Well hopefully you guys aren't tired of all the free food that's being passed out at the Puck, because Friday, April 28 the Student Union Board is having it's annual End of the Year BBQ. So come on by and grab a burger as you walk by.

Tonight, Wednesday, April 26, SUB is having its last April Fool's Comedy Series comedian, Darren Carter, at 8 p.m. in the University Center-East Centennial Hall. Fiery redhead Carter is blazing a trail through the college comedy scene. Growing up in a Latin neighborhood in Fresno, Calif. helped Darren develop his unique cross-cultural appeal. Carter has opened for acts as diverse as Chris Rock, Rick Springfield and New Kids on the Block, guest-starred on "The Jamie Foxx Show," headlined Showtime's "Latino Laugh Festival" and has made numerous appearances on Comedy Central's "Make Me Laugh." This weekend's movies are Batman and Sleepy Hollow. They will be shown at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in ME 104 Friday and Saturday.

SUB wishes to thank you for a great year. If you have any comments or suggestions on anything that we do please email us at sub@umr.edu. Good luck on finals and have a really good summer!

## Tau Beta Pi initiates new members at campus wide BBQ

Tau Beta Pi would like to extend congratulations to the following individuals initiated on April 16, 2000:

Jordan Michael Ayers, Bryce Lawrence Barton, Philip Baird Beccu, Jason R. Beckerdite, Shane Alan Bernskoetter, William George Bolte, Mary Alice Bone, Joseph Hogan Bradley, Amanda Lynn Brown, Christina Marie Eck, Nicholas Joseph Ereckson, Lu Gan, John Robert Gordon, Bryan Scot Gregory, Tracy Elizabeth Hockenhull, Vince Gerald Kaimann, Stephanie Barbara Koenig, Jonathan Mark Livengood, Keith Joseph Lococo, Ryan Adam Mangels, Veronica Lynn McAffrey, Heather Sheree Morgan, Justin Cory Pettijohn, Aaron Scott Reed, Alexandro Alberto Rigoni, Daniel Edward Ryan, Nathan Daniel Sauer, Rachel Jeanne Schiller, Brian Patrick Schoene, Jamie Dee Schroetlin, Alison Marie Sievers, Garrett Cletus Struckhoff, Erin Elaine Swearingen, Sarah Kaye Taylor, Vasundhara Trisal, Keith Richard Willhaus, Brent Christopher Williams, Wai Kei Wong, Carolyn Suzanne Wright

Our honorary member was Dr. Dwight C. Look, Jr.

We awarded three scholarships to Sarah Taylor, Seamus McGrath and Keith Williams.

Tau Beta Pi would like to thank the School of Engineering and Kingsford Charcoal who contributed to its campus wide barbecue and made it a success, and show its gratitude to the department chairs of Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Chemical Engineering for contributing to the lunch at Engineering Futures. It would also like to express its appreciation to those of you who helped sponsor its workdays.

## Panhellenic Alumnae present scholarships

Laura Schoenbeck

Panhellenic Council

The University of Missouri-Rolla Panhellenic Council honored outstanding scholarship among the sororities at their annual Scholarship Brunch, April 16.

Among those honored were Renee Machacek, "Panhellenic Woman of the Year," and Ginger Appleberry, "Greek Woman of the Year."

The Phelps County Alumnae Panhellenic honored Debbie Holdorf and Ginny Heaton with two \$1000 scholarships to continue the Greek emphasis on academic excellence.

While Panhel organized and planned the event, Phelps County Alumnae Panhellenic hosted the brunch. Thanks to their generosity, the brunch was free for all collegians.

The sorority members enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with the alumnae and would like to thank them for all of their support.



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## Euthanasia

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less, he went through with it and helped the man to finally rest peacefully.

Does it seem fair to tell this man that he can't die until the cancer kills him? What about the friend, is it fair to throw this man in prison because he took his friend's pain away? These two men are not criminals. They are simply trying to ease the incredible physical and emotional pain of a terminal and hopeless illness.

Now, the man is done with chemotherapy, done with radiation, done with feeding through a tube inserted into his stomach. His children now know he is in heaven and resting peacefully, and they no longer try to avoid the intense sorrow they felt every time they passed the bathroom. They have accepted that their father is happier now and can watch them do great things, things that would have been impossible for him to watch because of his ever-exhausted state. The man's wife no longer wishes for her husband's pain to cease and has begun interacting with her children more, coming out of her shell of depression. Finally, the cancer victim has been rid of the awesome, yet hopeless struggle that defines his type of cancer. Where is the crime in all of this? It is difficult to determine the crime because there really isn't any.

If a man is not free to decide whether he lives or dies, he has little freedom after all. No force, be it king, president, committee or emperor, has

the right to determine that a man must continue to live against his will. This goes against everything that any rebel nation ever stood for, including this one.

If I have a friend that tells Uncle Sam that she wants to worship and make as a model for her existence a being widely known as an icon of evil, he tells her that is her choice. Then, the next day when she says she is going to help me end my terrible life, including the pain it is bringing my loved ones and me, she is imprisoned. There are a lot of strange laws on the books, but most of them still allow a friend to help another friend deal with a problem. It is not the government's calling or responsibility to determine what is an appropriate course of action.

I am deeply saddened by the assumptions of moral incompetence that the government seems to have made regarding its population. That shows no faith in the people, and tends to make one suspicious of the alleged people-driven ruling system. If they cannot even let us decide what is right and wrong, they are not going to let us decide how to deal with health care atrophy, or what should be done for the people of that oppressed third-world country. We need to make clear to our ruling body that we are capable of and willing to make our own moral decisions and that we do not need overpowering help in this endeavor, but a listening ear. A government "for the people" needs to stop quixotically attacking our morals and start listening to what we are telling them in beautiful simplicity.

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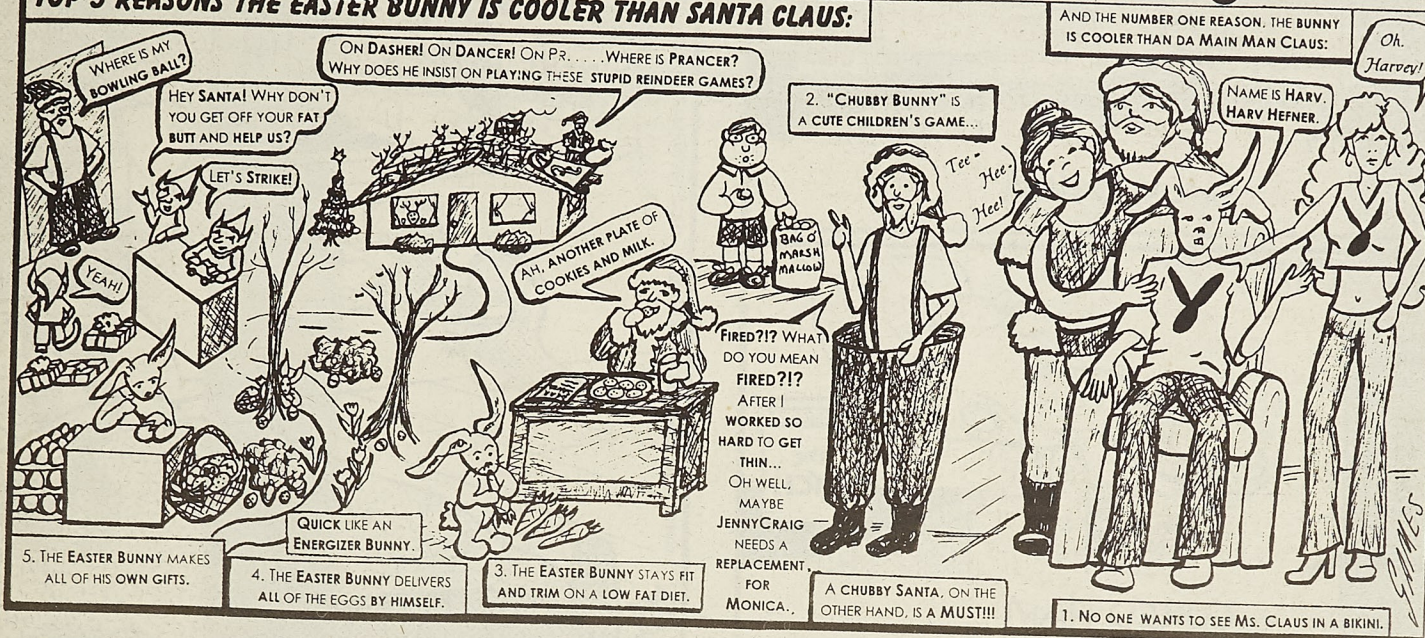
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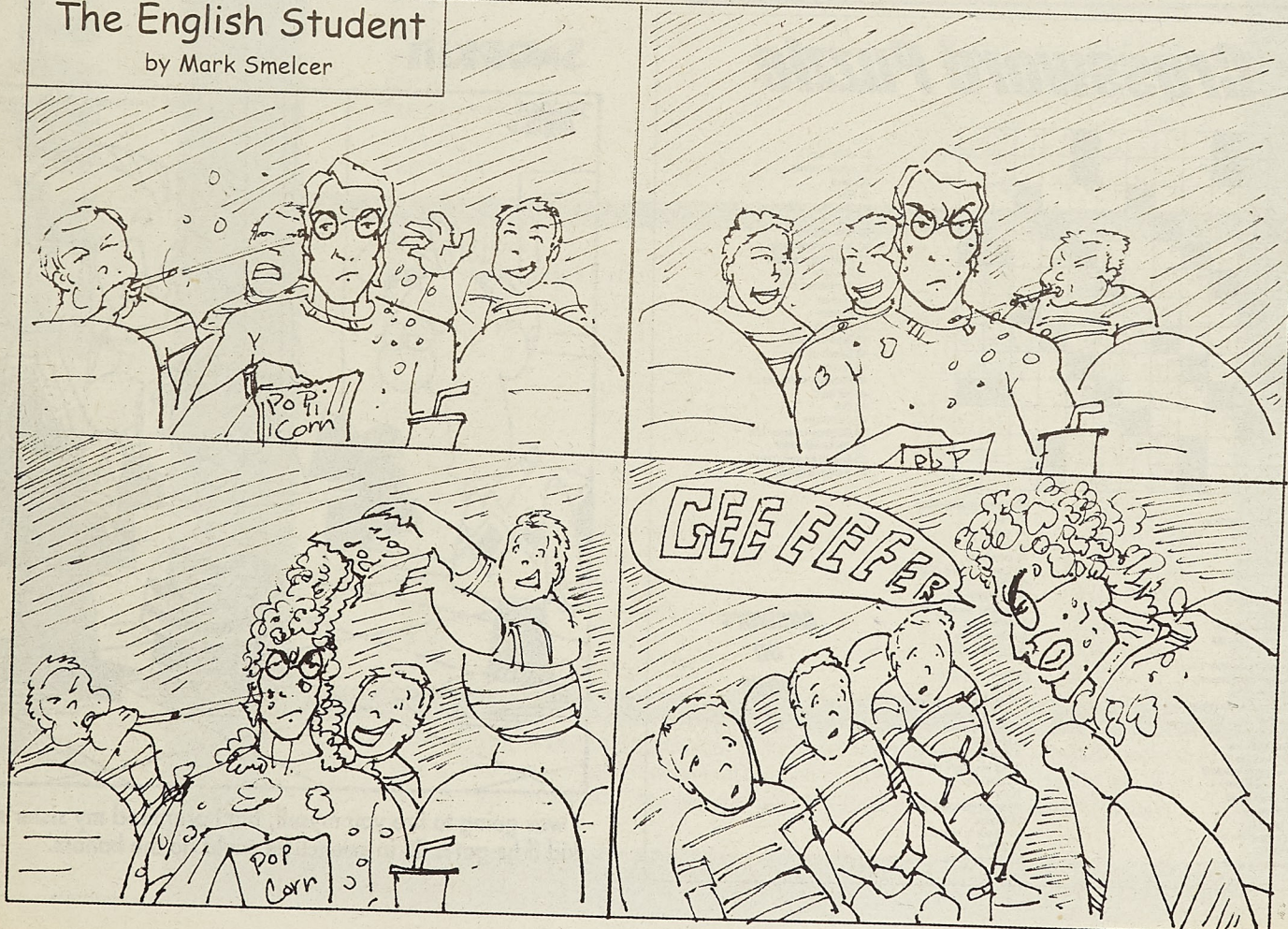
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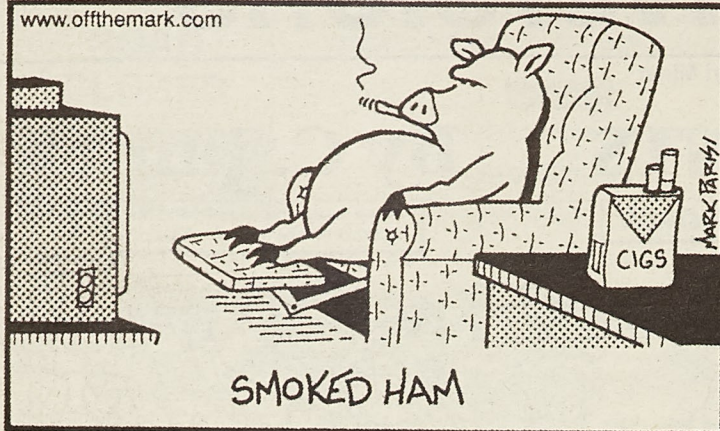
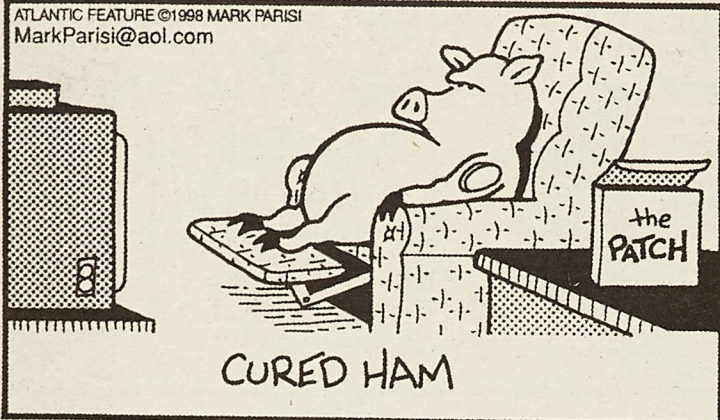




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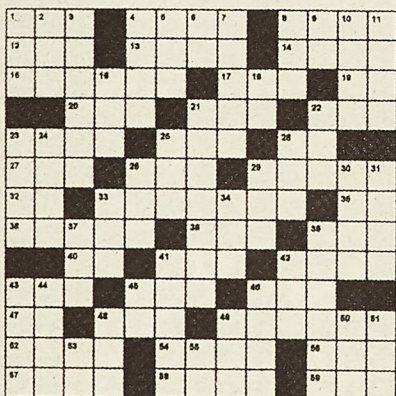
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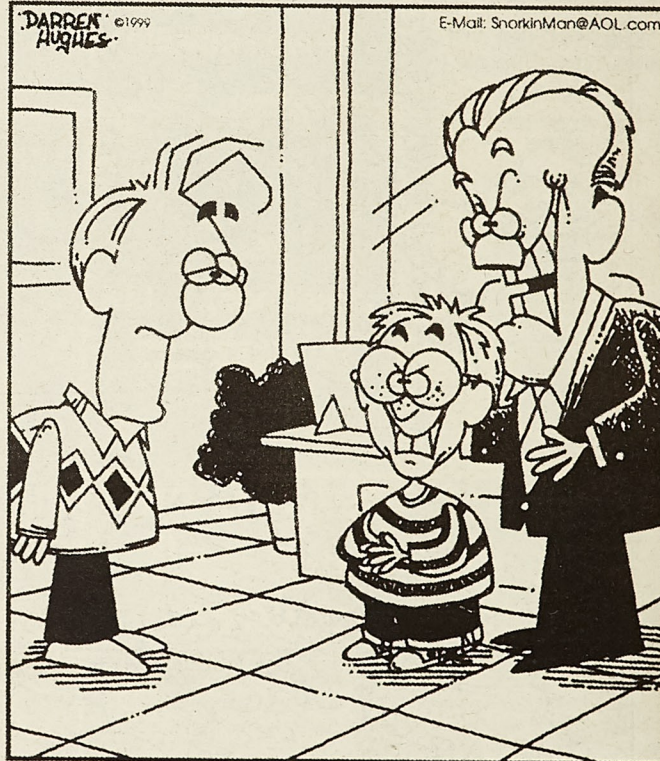
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# Final Exam Schedule

The final examination period will begin Monday, May 8, 2000 at 8:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 12, 2000. Common finals are scheduled for those courses listed in Section II below. Room assignments for common finals will be announced by the instructors. **The courses not covered in Sections I, II, and III are to be arranged by the instructor in cooperation with the students in that course.**

I. **Evening Course Finals** are scheduled for the evening session during the final week. Evening courses are those course beginning after 5:30 pm. Evening finals begin at 7:00 pm.

II. **Common Finals** include All Sections of a course.

B Eng 50	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
B Eng 110	Thursday	8:00-10:00
B Eng 140, 150	Tuesday	1:30-3:30
Bio 110	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
CE 233	Thursday	8:00-10:00
CE 245	Tuesday	1:30-3:30
CE 299	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
EE 151	Monday	8:00-10:00
EE 153	Thursday	8:00-10:00
EM 160	Monday	8:00-10:00
Hist 112, 175, 176	Monday	8:00-10:00
Math 8	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
Math 21, 22	Thursday	8:00-10:00
Math 204	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
Math 208	Tuesday	8:00-10:00
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ME 211	Wednesday	8:00-10:00
ME 213	Monday	8:00-10:00
ME 240, 242	Wednesday	1:30-3:30
ME 279	Wednesday	8:00-10:00
ME 280	Monday	8:00-10:00
Phys 23, 24	Wednesday	8:00-10:00
Poly Sci 90	Monday	8:00-10:00

III. **Regular Finals**

## First Weekly Class Meeting

Monday	7:30
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## Final Exam Time

Friday	4:00-6:00
Wednesday	10:30-12:30
Thursday	10:30-12:30
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Monday	1:30-3:30
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Friday	8:00-10:00
Thursday	1:30-3:30
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Wednesday	4:00-6:00

According to the Student Academic Regulations all requests to change the final schedule because of conflicts or having three or more examinations scheduled in one day "are to be made in the Registrar's Office at least **one week before the beginning of the final examination week**" (Friday, April 29).



# Calendar of Events

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26 Today	27 Thursday	28 Friday	29 Saturday	30 Sunday
<p>5:30 p.m. - Blue Key weekly meeting, ME 216</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - Eta Kappa Nu meeting, EE G31</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - MSM Spelunkers Club meeting, McN 204</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - AIChE meeting, ChE G3</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Society of Manufacturing Engineers monthly meeting, EM 102</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha Pool tournament, UCE game room</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Amateur Radio Club meetings and office hours, EE G29, 30</p> <p>7:30 p.m. - History Club meeting, HSS 204</p> <p>8:00 p.m. - SUB presents comedian Darren Carter, Centennial Hall, UCE</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship bible study, EE G31</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - American Society of Mechanical Engineers meeting, ME 104</p> <p>6:00 p.m. - UMR Toastmasters meeting, CSF 109</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Solar Car Team meetings, BE 202</p> <p>7:45 p.m. - St. Pats weekly meeting, ME Annex 107C</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. - Student Union Board BBQ, Puck</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - American Society of Civil Engineers concrete canoe presentations, EE G31</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - Trap &amp; Skeet Club weekly meeting, UCE</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - SB vs. Southwest Baptist, Warrensburg, MO</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - TF at Missouri Southern, Joplin, MO</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB presents: Batman and Sleepy Hollow, ME 104</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Show Me Anime meetings, 204 McN</p> <p>TBA - TF at Drake, Des Moines, IA</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. - C. L. Dake Society Rock/Mineral auction, McNutt</p> <p>11:00 a.m. - SB vs. Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO</p> <p>12:30 p.m. - Show Me Anime, Anime showing, McN 212</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - BB at Truman State, Kirksville, MO</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - National Society of Black Engineers tutorial program, McN 204</p> <p>3:00 p.m. - SB vs. Lincoln, Warrensburg, MO</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - SUB presents: Batman and Sleepy Hollow, ME 104</p> <p>TBA - GO in Missouri Benefit Tourney, home</p> <p>TBA - TF at Drake, Des Moines, IA</p>	<p>4:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Alpha chapter meetings, Silver &amp; Gold room, UCE</p> <p>5:00 p.m. - M Club Awards Banquet, Centennial Hall, UCE</p>
<p>1 Monday</p> <p>7:00 a.m. - Christian Campus Fellowship prayer meeting, Sunrise room, UCE</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. - UMR Independents officer meeting, Walnut room, UCE</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - American Indian Science &amp; Engineering Society meeting, 212 ERL</p>	<p>2 Tuesday</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Interfraternity Council meeting, McN 216</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. - Association of Engineering Geologists meeting, McN 265</p> <p>8:30 p.m. - Circle K meeting, ME 117</p>	<p>All organizational meeting times and places are provided by the Student Activity Center, 218 UCW. Please send all changes to the aforementioned office.</p> <p>SPORT CODES: FB-Football, MS-Men's Soccer, WS-Women's Soccer, MB-Men's Basketball, WB-Women's Basketball, SW-Swimming, BB-Baseball.</p>



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